

Remarks:

Claims 1-29 have been withdrawn.

Claim 30 is currently amended.

Claims 31-36 have been allowed.

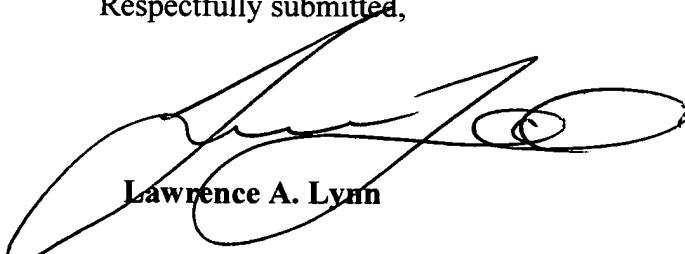
Applicant thanks the examiner for her reconsideration and allowance of the above claims and respectfully requests allowance of Claim 30, which is currently amended to include the examiners suggested correction. It is the applicant's contention that the withdrawn claims are also allowable. However, these claims have been withdrawn to speed the application to issuance. The applicant reserves the right to present the withdrawn claims in a continuation application.

As a matter of record, in reliance upon M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, Applicant notes that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are merely the personal opinion of the Examiner as to why the Examiner believes the claims to be allowable. However, the Examiner's statement may not create an estoppel, as only an Applicant's statement may be used to create an estoppel. Indeed, the failure of an Applicant to comment on the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance should not be treated as acquiescence to the Examiner's reasons. Furthermore, Applicant realizes that the Examiner's statement is not intended to state all of the reasons for allowance. Although Applicant agrees that the present claims are allowable over the prior art of record, Applicant does not wish for the Examiner's reasons for allowance to be binding on Applicant in any manner, and it should not be inferred or presumed that Applicant acquiesced to the

Examiner's statements. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully declines to accept the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Should the examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application for allowance, she is respectfully petitioned to telephone the applicant at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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